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GRANTS TO RADIO FREE EUROPE AND RADIO LIBERTY

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Mr. AIKEN, from the committee of conference, submitted the
following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany S. 18]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 18) to amend the U.S. Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948 to provide assistance to Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House to the text of the bill and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the House amendment insert the following:

That the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948 is amended by inserting after section 702 the following new section:

“AUTHORIZATION FOR GRANTS TO RADIO FREE EUROPE AND RADIO LIBERTY

“SEC. 703. There are authorized to be appropriated to the Department \$36,000,000 for fiscal year 1972 to provide grants, under such terms and conditions as the Secretary considers appropriate, to Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. Except for funds appropriated under this section, no funds appropriated after the date of enactment of this section for any fiscal year, under this or any other provision of law, may be made available to or for the use of Radio Free Europe or Radio Liberty.”

And the House agree to the same.

That the House recede from its amendment to the title of the bill.

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JOINT EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE

The managers on the part of the House and the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 18) to amend the U.S. Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948 to provide assistance to Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, submit the following joint statement to the House and the Senate in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the managers and recommended in the accompanying conference report:

The conferees were in disagreement as to whether the radios should be continued in operation beyond this fiscal year.

The House conferees felt strongly that the radios should not have their activities terminated precipitously and without further study as to whether they serve the national interest. Thus, the House conferees were insistent that the radios be authorized for 2 years during which time their utility could be studied.

The Senate conferees were adamant in their belief that the radios should be continued only for the balance of the current fiscal year, leaving the future of the radios to determination by the Congress in action taken before the beginning of fiscal year 1973. Some felt that the future of the radios should be considered within the context of periodic State Department or USIA authorization legislation.

The conferees resolved their differences by agreeing to legislation which will continue the programs at the authorized rate of \$36 million only for the balance of the current fiscal year with the clear understanding, however, that further legislation will be considered before the end of this fiscal year.

It is, of course, not possible to predict what action the Congress may take. However, the conferees were agreed that should there be a decision to terminate the activities of the radios, fairness and equity require that funds would need to be made available for orderly termination. They also agreed that this reference to termination is not

to be construed as a prejudgment as to continuation of the programs, their expansion, their contraction, or other means of financing the radios.

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